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LORD MAYOR TRELOAR CRIPPLES' HOME AND COLLEGE.

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MY DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

Once more I have to thank you all for the splendid help I have received from the Queen Alexandra League during the past three months. Our income has shown a substantial increase, and I have been much cheered by the growing interest taken in our work for the crippled. The meetings held during the quarter have been very well attended, new friends have been gained, and substantial help promised for the future.

The work at Alton continues to be wonderfully successful. Five hundred children who came to us the frail little victims of tuberculous bone disease have now left us cured of this terrible malady, and in splendid health. You will be delighted with this marvellous record, and it will cheer you in your work to realise that so many children have benefited from your efforts. But what must it mean to the individual child who has been cured? The terrible pain is gone, the twisted limb straightened and useful, or the bent spine cured, and now life is full of joy and the future is bright and happy.

To have achieved this result has cost yearly a very large sum of money, for the work is necessarily very expensive, and despite all our efforts our income still is smaller than our expenditure. May

I beg of each one of you to continue to do your best for our cripples during the summer months. It may be possible for some to plan a little garden entertainment or sale, for others to arrange some open-air method of helping our little sufferers. Last summer many of our League helpers collected splendidly when spending their holidays at the seaside, making their holiday all the happier because of their thought for those who are in pain and needing help.

Occasionally members of the League write to say that now they have entered business or commenced office life they are unable to take another collecting card. May I beg these helpers who have often been among our best friends to send us each year on the *anniversary of their birthday* a gift to help our crippled boys and girls to grow strong again?

I need the help of *all* and I cannot afford to lose the help of a single member of the League.

With cordial good wishes for a delightful holiday to you all,

Your sincere friend,

HP Treloar

Treasurer.

PROGRESS AT ALTON.

BY THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

The Hospital and College has now been opened $3\frac{1}{2}$ years and it may be perhaps of interest to the members of the Q. A. L. if I briefly record some of the results of the work which have been accomplished so far and describe some of the changes that have taken place in the Hospital since its foundation.

Looking backwards one cannot but be struck by the evidence of the great value of the work which is being undertaken at Alton and the very encouraging results which have been achieved. No one could have believed when the Hospital was opened on September 8th, 1908, that such good work would be done and such splendid results obtained. We had from the outset hoped for great things but I do not think that we, in our most sanguine moments, believed that as much could be done as has

in the very large majority of these the disease has been apparently completely arrested. In addition many of those patients who came down badly crippled have had their deformities very largely corrected and in nearly every case we are thankful to say the condition has given us reasonable hopes of the patient being able to earn his own living when grown up.

Perhaps the members of the League hardly realise how much this means? The death-rate from this disease is usually put down at about 20% and some authorities estimate that very many more than this die directly from the results of tuberculous joint trouble, but at Alton the death-rate has hardly exceeded 1%, that is to say that out of every hundred patients treated probably 19 would have



THE "OPEN-AIR" TREATMENT FOR CRIPPLES.

been accomplished. The condition of tuberculous cripples has for long been regarded as so hopeless that it perhaps discouraged others to make the attempt which we have made, and which is due to the combined philanthropy and foresight of Sir William Treloar.

The Hospital at Alton has been devoted entirely to the treatment of child cripples, and the work has been so planned and organised that in every way possible the condition of these little patients should be improved. It may be of interest to the members of the League to know that over 700 patients suffering from tuberculous bone and joint disease—many of them the most serious possible cases—have been received at Alton since we opened. Out of that number already 496 have been discharged and

died had they not come to Alton. These results are due largely to the constant help and interest which the Q. A. L. has taken in our work. Without such help the work could not have possibly been accomplished. We can liken the Hospital to a great engine with all its working parts tuned up and in order and needing only fuel to drive it. That fuel is represented by the subscriptions of those who help us. Without this financial support all our machinery would be useless. With it we can accomplish much and hope to accomplish still more.

Since we have been opened, owing to the kindness and generosity of those interested we have been able to equip the Hospital in a thoroughly up-to-date way and to make it in every way suitable for dealing with this terrible disease



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The Honourable Mrs. Morrison visited this Hospital some two years ago and was so delighted with all she saw that in her kindness of heart she sent a present to every child in the place and asked if there was any special present she could give to the Hospital which would help its work. It was suggested that an up-to-date X-ray apparatus would be of inestimable benefit and that she kindly at once gave. We are proud now in having one of the best X-ray departments of any Hospital in the South of England, and the work this has done has been of the very greatest help and advantage to the patients. A Bacteriological Laboratory has recently been established in the Hospital which enables us to make some advanced researches as to the nature of the disease from which our little patients are suffering, to their great gain.

either in the beautiful open-air school which we have in the Woods or when the weather does not permit this they have their lessons in the Winter School room.

Visitors to the Hospital are always struck by the constant cheerfulness and happiness reflected in the faces of the children under treatment. The boys become manly and sturdy little fellows, the girls gentle, attractive and engaging. It is one of the rarest things to ever hear a child cry, and that although many of them are afflicted with the most serious and painful forms of tuberculosis.

Every week discharged patients are seen in London so that we may assure ourselves that the benefits they have received while they were under treatment at Alton are not being lost, and if there is the least sign of a recurrence of the disease the



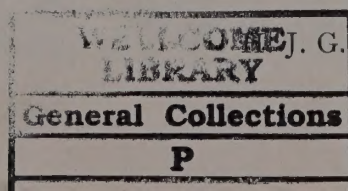
CRIPPLED CHILDREN AT SCHOOL.

The Plaster Room, which many members of the League will remember having seen, is, I believe, the only one connected with any Hospital in England and is certainly one of the finest in the World. Here, some 7 tons of plaster are used every year and worked up into bandages and casts which we employ for the treatment of the patients. All splints required for our patients are made by ourselves in the Hospital and in that way hundreds of pounds have probably already been saved, and moreover the splints made have been of very much greater value to the patients than had they been purchased from an ordinary instrument maker.

As members of the League know, while the children are being treated they are also taught. Those who cannot leave their beds are taught in the wards, and those who are convalescing are taught

child is immediately readmitted for further treatment, but it is pleasing to record that a recurrence of the disease is exceedingly rare, and it is very unusual to have to readmit a child.

The work of the Hospital has attracted very great interest amongst doctors, both in England and abroad. We are constantly receiving visits from members of the Medical Profession, who are always delighted with the methods employed, and it is gratifying to know that institutions, more or less similar, are being founded in America and on the Continent, and there is hope that our good work in England will so extend that the time will come when every child so afflicted as those at Alton are, will be able to receive the benefits of treatment such as is given at Alton.



FURTHER LIST OF LOCAL HONORARY SECRETARIES OF THE LEAGUE AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HOSPITAL AND COLLEGE.

IN our last issue we published for the first time a full list of the Branches of the League, with the name and address of the Local Honorary Secretary—and of those ladies who have kindly offered to receive subscriptions in aid of our crippled children.

We hope the members of the various Branches will feel how important it is that they should give their Secretary the most cordial and loyal support. Collecting cards should be returned promptly to them and new ones obtained of them, for the work needs constant and regular support. When the Hon. Secretary has the hearty co-operation of all the collectors in the district, she feels that bigger efforts can be made, and the grand success of many of the Branches is a proof that great things can be done if all are ready to take a share in the effort.

We have much pleasure in publishing the following additions to the list published in April, and ask that each member of the Queen Alexandra League will carefully examine these two lists and if there should be a Secretary in their neighbourhood to get as speedily as possible into communication with her and thus help to make the Branch a great success.

CHICHESTER (for subscriptions).—Miss Sykes, 13, Whyke Road; Miss Edwards, 14, Whyke Road, Chichester.

EPPING (for subscriptions).—Mrs. Horn, Ivylands, Epping.

KETTERING.—Miss Roughton, George Street, Kettering.

LEYTON.—Mrs. W. Symons, 6, Matlock Road, Leyton.

NEWMARKET.—Mrs. Crompton, Rutland House, Newmarket.

PORTSMOUTH, SOUTHSEA, HAVANT, GOSPORT,

ALVERSTOKE, FAREHAM and district.—Miss M. Callwell, Belle Isle, Havant.

ROMFORD.—Mrs. Bacon, 51, North Street, Romford.

STOKE NEWINGTON (change of Secretary).—Mrs. Keat, 58, St. Kilda's Road, Stoke Newington.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON (for subscriptions).—Miss Agnes Smith, Rhine Hall, Stratford-on-Avon.

SUTTON COLDFIELD.—Mrs. Edwards, Ivydene, Station Road, Wyld Green, Sutton Coldfield.

WANDSWORTH.—Miss Elsie Collings, 24, Gorst Road, Wandsworth Common.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF OUR CASES.

WE think it will be of help to our many helpers who are scattered all over England and Wales, as well as of interest to those who live in Scotland, Ireland and abroad if we give a list of the Counties from which cases have been received with the number admitted into our Institution.

The figures conclusively prove that the work is a National one in every sense of the word and that the Hospital and College are for the benefit of all boys and girls wherever their home may be, and not for London children alone. We hope each member will look for his or her native county and note the number of cases received from it.

Bedford 1	Devonshire 5	Hertford 8	Norfolk 3	Surrey 49	IN WALES	Malta 1
Berkshire 18	Dorset 3	Kent 37	Northampton 2	Sussex 13	Glamorgan 25	—
Buckingham 3	Essex 50	Lancashire 1	Salop 1	Warwick 6	Monmouth 2	London 469
Cambridge 2	Gloucester 4	Leicester 6	Somerset 7	Wilts 3	Pembroke 1	
Cornwall 4	Hampshire 69	Lincoln 1	Stafford 4	Worcester 6		
Derby 1	Hereford 1	Middlesex 47	Suffolk 6	Yorkshire 7		

THE GROWTH OF THE LEAGUE.

Once again we have to record a long list of most successful meetings. The attendance has been greater than ever, and the immediate response to the appeal for help has been on the most generous scale. Again and again we have found that the after results of our meetings have exceeded our highest expectations. Some kind hearts have been touched by the pathetic story of the crippled boys and girls who need so much help, and loving ingenuity has found some way of giving the sympathy a practical turn and securing the financial aid which is so much needed.

We are glad of this opportunity of thanking publicly those ladies and gentlemen who have opened their houses to us and invited their friends to hear the story we have to tell. They have given us help of the most valuable and most welcome nature and we are most grateful. Then to the Mayors and Mayoresses of the many important boroughs who have so willingly helped us we express our heartiest thanks.

It will be quite safe to say that no audience has gone away from any of our meetings without being profoundly touched by the wonderful record of children cured and of lads who had been helpless turned into useful workers.

May we make an appeal to any lady or gentleman who reads this magazine, and who is in a position to help us, to give us an invitation to their home to tell to their friends the story of Alton and its great success.

ACTON.—At the invitation of Mrs. Nicolls, a very well attended drawing room meeting was held at 67, Creffield Road. The Chairman spoke of his great interest in all work for crippled children, and praised in the warmest terms the assistance which the Hospital and College was rendering to afflicted boys and girls. The story of the Hospital and College was related by the Organising Secretary, and at the

close of the meeting plans were made to form a Committee to supervise the work of the collectors and secure their continued assistance.

BOURNEMOUTH.—Through the kindness of the Mayor and Mayoress of Bournemouth, a meeting was held in the Council Chamber, presided over by his Worship. The special work of the Hospital was related by the Medical Superintendent, who told some touching and amusing stories of the children who have been cured of their terrible disease. The story of the founding of the College was told by the Organising Secretary, who mentioned the success of the lads who have finished their term at Alton, and made an earnest appeal for further support of the "Bournemouth Cot." It is sincerely hoped that the meeting will result in additional help for our work, and that new friends will be made for the crippled children who need so much sympathy and help.

BUCKHURST HILL.—Despite the wet day a well attended and most interesting meeting was held at "Ormonde House," by kind invitation of Mrs. Moller. The story of the Home and College was told, and very great interest was shown in the work done and its striking results. **Mrs. Hingston**, "Norlands," Russell Road, Buckhurst Hill, has, with the help of some friends, kindly undertaken to receive and issue collecting cards and to try to secure further interest.

CHICHESTER.—Through the great kindness of the Mayor of Chichester a very delightful and interesting drawing room meeting was held in the Council Chamber, Chichester. The Mayor presided, and there was a good attendance, which was thoroughly representative of the Cathedral, the County and the City. His Worship spoke of the great success of the

QUEEN ALEXANDRA LEAGUE,

61, MOORGATE STREET, LONDON, E.C.

June, 1912.

My Dear Young Friend,

May I ask once more for your help in my efforts to cure little tuberculous crippled children.

This aid can be given in many ways :—

(1) Will you please make sure that your card is not overdue ? If it is, kindly return it to me with the money collected, and ask for a new one.

(2) If by any chance you have not a new card, will you please fill in your name to this form, and send it to me in an unsealed envelope with $\frac{1}{2}$ d. stamp. A new card shall at once be sent to you.

(3) Will you join those who are recruiting for the League ? Try to persuade your friends to take a share in this grand work. Ask them to fill in their name and address and add your own as proposer ; then post the form to me, and a card and all particulars will be sent to your friend.

With thanks for all your sympathy and support,

Your Sincere Friend,

PLEASE SEND ME A COLLECTING CARD.

W P Freelow

Name.....

Address.....

Proposed by (Name).....

(Address).....

treatment at Alton, and made a strong appeal for further support. The Organising Secretary pleaded for the crippled children and emphasized the necessity for further financial help. A number of annual subscriptions were promised, and two ladies, Miss Sykes and Miss Edwards, very generously offered to collect and to secure further help for our Hospital.

COVENTRY.—A meeting was held by the Mayoress of Coventry in her delightful and historic home "The Charterhouse." The Mayor of Coventry presided, and the story of the successful treatment of tuberculous cripples and the training of crippled lads was told by the Organising Secretary. A Committee was formed with **Mrs. E. Phillips**, Judge's Court, Coventry, as Secretary. A lantern lecture is to be held in the autumn, and further efforts are to be made to secure the interests of our present members in Coventry.

EPPING.—By the kindness of Mrs. Horn a very interesting and well attended meeting was held at "Ivylands," Epping, when the Organising Secretary spoke on the work of the hospital. One crippled lad at Epping had already been successfully treated at Alton, and it was decided at the meeting to pay for the lad's admission to the College. **Mrs. Horn** kindly arranged to collect enough to pay for the boy's training, and he has now been received into the College.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—Through the kind invitation of Mrs. Ernest Martineau a largely attended meeting was held at "Ellerslie," Edgbaston. The Right Rev. The Lord Bishop of Birmingham presided, and in his most interesting speech emphasized the value of voluntary efforts as contrasted with similar work done by the State. In the unavoidable absence of Sir William Treloar, Bart., Sir Ernest Flower, a Trustee of the Hospital and College, spoke on the work accomplished at Alton and the great value of such efforts on behalf of tuberculous crippled children, not only to the individual child but to the Nation. A strong appeal for assistance was made by the Organising Secretary, and the financial result was most encouraging.

ERDINGTON.—We have few more enthusiastic helpers than Phyllis and Greta Harcourt, the daughters of Dr. and Mrs. Harcourt. These young friends arranged for a lantern lecture to be given in the drawing room of their home. There was a large attendance, and many new friends were gained for the Hospital. We hear that our little friends are preparing for a sale of work in the early autumn, and we hope they will receive the very cordial support of all those in the neighbourhood who are interested in crippled girls and boys.

HIGHGATE.—Through the kind invitation of Miss Burne, a meeting was held at "Earlham," Bishopswood Road, Highgate. The attendance was good, and Sir William Henry Dunn, one of the Trustees of the Hospital, spoke on the work accomplished at Alton. This was followed by a short lantern lecture given by the Organising Secretary. Many promises of annual subscriptions were received, and much sympathy was shewn with the crippled children now under treatment and being cured at Alton. Leather goods made by the crippled lads in our College were on exhibition and sale, and were much admired.

KETTERING.—Mr. and Mrs. Roughton very kindly invited their friends to their house to hear the story of the work accomplished at Alton for crippled girls and boys. Sir Arthur Brooke, Bart., presided over a very large attendance who listened to the story of the wonderful work done for crippled children with the closest attention. The response to the appeal made by the Organising Secretary was most generous, and as a result of the meeting **Miss Roughton**, George Street, Kettering, very kindly consented to organise some special effort on behalf of the Cripples' Hospital.

LEICESTER.—A most interesting and delightful meeting was recently held in Leicester by the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Brice at "Middlemeade," Stoughton Drive. Sir Edward Wood, J.P., was to have presided but unfortunately was prevented by illness at the last minute and Mr. Brice kindly took his place. Sir William Treloar spoke on the reasons which led to his founding the Hospital and related many interesting stories of the children who have

been under treatment. The Organising Secretary then explained the special work accomplished in the College and the great success which has followed this work for crippled lads. The President and many officials of the Leicester Guild of the Crippled were present at the meeting and it was suggested that the local Guild should assist in the support of two cots at Alton, to be called the "Leicester Cots" and to be placed at the disposal of tuberculous crippled children from Leicester. Already six cases have been admitted from Leicestershire and some of these with most beneficial results to the little sufferers. The financial result of the meeting was most encouraging. A large number of annual subscriptions have been received and an excellent start has been made towards the support of the cots which we are so anxious should be established.

NEWMARKET.—A very interesting drawing room meeting was held through the kind invitation of Dr. and Mrs. Crompton, "Rutland House," Newmarket. Dr. Grey presided and a very interesting address was given by one of the Organising Secretaries of the Queen Alexandra League. The response to the appeal for assistance was very generous. A good Committee was formed, of which **Mrs. Crompton**, Rutland House, Newmarket, has very kindly consented to be Secretary. One little girl who came from Newmarket has already been cured and a new case has recently been admitted.

NORTHAMPTON.—Through the kind invitation of Dr. and Mrs. Hichens, a largely attended meeting was held at "Kerr House," Northampton. Lady Wake presided and spoke of our work accomplished for tuberculous crippled children. The Organising Secretary in speaking mentioned the splendid work accomplished by the Northampton Crippled Children's Fund and the practical way in which they have endeavoured to secure the well-being of the crippled children in the borough. He then explained in detail the success which has been achieved at Alton and that children from Northampton Borough have been admitted to the Hospital. He appealed to the Northampton Crippled Children's Fund for their co-operation in the efforts to deal with tuberculous crippled children and asked them to support two cots at Alton which are to be placed at the disposal of tuberculous crippled children from Northampton. The suggestion met with cordial support at the meeting and the Committee of the local cripples' fund are considering the best way in which the two organisations can mutually assist one another. We are glad to be able to add that Lady Wake has very kindly promised to give a meeting in her country house.

PORTSMOUTH.—The Mayor and Mayoress of Portsmouth (Sir Scott and Lady Scott-Foster) very kindly organised a meeting on behalf of the Hospital and College. There was a good attendance and much interest was shewn. The Medical Superintendent spoke on the work of the Hospital and of the successful treatment of tuberculous crippled children. The story of the College was related by the Organising Secretary, who made a strong appeal for further support. Many new friends were made at this meeting, and as a result an influential and representative Committee has been formed for Portsmouth and District. The Hon. Evelyn Moore, Admiralty House, has kindly consented to be President, and Mrs. Burney and the Mayoress (Lady Scott-Foster) Vice-Presidents. **Miss M. Callwell**, "Belle Isle," Havant, has very kindly undertaken the duties of Secretary, and arrangements are being made for a garden party in July and a lantern lecture in the autumn. All collectors in Portsmouth, Southsea, Havant, Gosport, Alverstoke and Fareham are to be included in this branch and an appeal is made to all the collectors to unite in supporting the "Portsmouth Cot" at Alton.

ROMFORD.—By the very kind invitation of Mrs. Eric Wright, an interesting and most encouraging meeting was held at "The Lodge," Romford. Very great interest was shewn in the story told of the crippled children and the wonderful way in which the cures are obtained. As a result of this meeting a Committee was formed, of which **Mrs. Bacon**, 51, North Street, Romford, is Secretary, and special efforts are to be made to win the support of new collectors.

SALISBURY.—Owing to the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Luckham a very largely attended meeting was held at 47, Winchester Street, Salisbury. The story of the Home and College was told by the Organising Secretary, who mentioned the striking fact that over 90% of the children admitted are cured of the tuberculous bone disease from which they have been suffering and that the lads in the College who had completed their training were doing extremely well in their various trades. Very great interest was shown and a committee of ladies was formed to carry on the work which has already begun at Salisbury.

SOLIHULL.—A most interesting and helpful meeting was held at "Broomfield," Solihull, through the kind invitation of Mrs. Thornley. The Rev. T. B. Harvey Brooks presided, and spoke in sympathetic terms of the work accomplished for crippled children. The story of its success was told by the Organising Secretary of the Hospital and College, and a very generous response was given to the appeal for further support.

ST. JOHN'S WOOD.—At the invitation of Miss Gardner, a largely attended meeting was held at "Park House," St. John's Wood Park, at which the Most Hon. The Marchioness Townshend presided. Her Ladyship gave a very sympathetic speech and a promise of practical help. Then Sir William Treloar spoke of his reasons for founding the Hospital and College, and of the great success which followed his work for crippled children. The story of the College lads and their fresh start in life was related by the Organising Secretary, who made an urgent appeal for financial assistance, and the response was very generous.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON.—Miss Agnes Smith kindly arranged for a meeting to be held at her house, "Rhine Hall." The Rev. Francis H. Hodgson presided and spoke very warmly on the work accomplished at Alton. The Organising Secretary told the story of the founding of the Hospital and College and emphasized the fact that the work of both had been strikingly successful. He told many interesting stories of the cures and the success of the lads in the situations which had been obtained for them. The response of the meeting was very generous, and as a result of the great kindness and generous help of Miss Agnes Smith the whole sum required for the maintenance for one year of the "Stratford-on-Avon Cot," has already been received.

SUTTON COLDFIELD.—Through the kind invitation of the Mayor and Mayoress of Sutton Coldfield a most interesting meeting was held in the Town Hall, Sutton Coldfield, when the Organising Secretary of the Hospital and College spoke on the work which is being done at Alton. As a result of the meeting it was decided to extend the area of the Wylde Green Committee so that the whole borough of Sutton Coldfield is included, and several ladies joined to

represent Sutton. We are extremely grateful to the Mayor and Mayoress for their aid, and to Mrs. Edwards for her help, and we appeal for the hearty support of all our friends in the Royal Borough. A lantern lecture arranged by Mrs. Edwards was held at Anstey College, Wylde Green, when the pictures of the Hospital and College were shewn to a large audience.

TAMWORTH.—A most interesting meeting was held in the Town Hall, Tamworth, by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Hamel. Mr. Hamel presided, and the story of the work for little crippled children was told by the Organising Secretary. Great interest was shown, and there were many promises of further help.

UXBRIDGE.—Through the kind invitation of Mrs. Fountain a meeting was held at "Highfield," Hillingdon, over which the Rev. Prebendary Harvey presided. The Organising Secretary of the Hospital spoke of the work which had been accomplished at Alton, and told the story of the three little girls who have been admitted into the Hospital from Uxbridge. A strong appeal for help was made, and as a result of the meeting a small Committee was formed who have undertaken to do their best to secure further assistance and to gain new friends for the work.

WELLINGBOROUGH.—Through the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Miller a drawing-room meeting was held at "Hatton Hall," Wellingborough. Mr. Miller presided and spoke in the most cordial terms of the work accomplished for crippled children. The Organising Secretary then told an interesting story of the children in the Hospital and their cure, and of the success the crippled lads have attained who have been trained in the College. Promises of annual subscriptions were made at the meeting, and it is hoped that further sympathy and financial assistance will be received from Wellingborough and district.

WESTGATE-ON-SEA.—A very interesting and helpful meeting was held at "St. Margaret's," Westgate-on-Sea, by the kind invitation of Miss Spreck, Miss Muncey, and Miss Freeman. The Organising Secretary spoke to the visitors, and also to the pupils at the school, and very great interest was shewn in the work which is being done for crippled girls and boys.

WIMBLEDON.—One of the best attended and most interesting meetings held for the Hospital and College was gathered at the "The Keir," Wimbledon Common, by the invitation of Mrs. Richardson Evans. Mr. Francis Fox presided and Sir Wm. Treloar, Bart., spoke on the founding of the Hospital and College, and the success which has followed both efforts on behalf of crippled children. An appeal for further help was made by the Organising Secretary and was responded to generously.

WHAT THE ASSOCIATIONS ARE DOING.

It is impossible to include a record of all the work which our many active and enthusiastic Branches are doing, and we can only make a selection which we have tried to make as varied as possible and to cover the widest area. We cannot in adequate terms express our gratitude to the many ladies and gentlemen who have helped in the arrangements of the many concerts, sales, etc., which have been successfully carried through. We heartily thank them all for their labour of love on behalf of our crippled friends.

ALTON.—Last quarter we recorded the meeting held at Alton, and we are now glad to report that through the kindness of Mr. Basil W. Peile, The Manor House, Holybourne, near Alton, the sum of £35 has been sent to maintain the "Alton Subscription Cot" in the Hospital. We are very much indebted to Mr. Peile for the splendid help he has given, and to the many friends who have responded to his appeal. We are glad to be able to report also that Mrs. Peile has gathered a large number of new collectors around her, and with the help of those who have assisted in the past, she is hoping to have an "Alton Children's Cot" in addition.

It is particularly encouraging to have assistance from the district in which our Hospital and College is situated, and to know that among our neighbours the work we have been successful in doing receives so much support.

BECKENHAM.—A very interesting and attractive evening's entertainment was organised by Mrs. Garnar, the secretary of the Beckenham Branch, when "The Wrottahs" gave one of their charming entertainments at the Public Hall. Everyone was delighted with the performance, and Sir William Treloar spoke of the work done at Alton and voiced the appreciation of all at the evening's entertainment. We have received from Mrs. Garnar the sum of £36 9s. for which we are extremely grateful.

BEDFORD PARK AND CHISWICK.—This Branch is doing very well under the enthusiastic guidance of Miss Constance Hutton, and at St. Stephen's Hall a dramatic performance of "The Foresters" was given (by kind permission of Lord Tennyson) by some supporters in aid of the Cot maintained by this Branch. The entertainment was delightfully carried through, and gave very much pleasure to the crowded audience.

BEXLEY.—Arising out of the meeting which Mrs. Harcourt Shepherd held on February 1st last, a Sale of Work was organised under the guidance of Mrs. Clements. The Sale itself took place at the house of Mrs. Shepherd, "Crayside," and a series of entertainments and concerts was given at Mrs. Clements' house, "Westwood." There was a good attendance during the whole of the day, and the leather goods made by the crippled lads in the College at Alton formed one of a number of most attractive stalls. To everyone's delight the total proceeds of the Sale exceeded £30. We are indeed grateful to all the ladies who so admirably carried through this very successful Sale.

EASTBOURNE.—In our last issue we mentioned the meetings which we held at the Town Hall, Eastbourne, and in the various schools. We are delighted to report that the result of these meetings were successful beyond our expectations, and that a total of over £50 was sent as a practical result of these various gatherings. In addition, an entertainment was arranged by the pupils of "Endcliffe School," through the kindness of Miss Raywood and Miss Buck. They produced the play "The Cricket on the Hearth," and as a result of a most delightful performance the sum of £40 in addition was sent in support of the "Eastbourne Cots" at Alton.

the Hospital to be started, and afterwards the Organising Secretary gave an illustrated lantern talk on the children at Alton, and on the way in which the crippled lads in the College were taught useful trades.

HOVE.—This Branch, of which Miss Molly Burrows, The Vicarage, Hove, is Secretary, and His Worship the Mayor, Treasurer, is doing splendidly, and we are delighted to receive through Miss Burrows a cheque for £35, the first year's contribution in support of "The Hove Cot" at Alton. This is a most encouraging result, and we should like to thank our friends most warmly for their successful efforts in raising this splendid sum.

ILFORD.—A member of this Branch, Master Clifford Bignell, organised a concert, which was held at the Cecil Hall, Ilford. There was a very good attendance, and all those who contributed to the programme were cordially received. The whole evening was extremely well arranged, and was a great help to the work we are trying to do for crippled children.

LEIGH-ON-SEA.—Thanks to the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Peggs, a Concert was held at the Grand Hotel, Leigh-on-Sea, on behalf of our work. The arrangements were carried out in the most successful way, and a most interesting



LEAGUE FANCY DRESS PARTY AT PECKHAM.

EDGWARE.—This is one of the first Branches formed in the League, and considering the size of the district, is among the most successful. Last quarter we were able to report a successful concert, and this quarter we have pleasure in acknowledging the sum of £10, the proceeds of a Rummage Sale arranged by Miss Findlater, our Secretary, and eight of her friends. We learn that a garden meeting is likely to be held at Edgware, when we hope the work will be still further benefited.

GLOUCESTER.—Our energetic Secretary, Miss Lindsay Brown, organised a very interesting concert at Mr. Underwood's room, at Gloucester. The hall was crowded to excess, and much interest was displayed in the various items produced at the concert. One of the Organising Secretaries of the League spoke on the work accomplished at Alton, and as a result over £5 was received towards the support of "The City of Gloucester Cot."

HIGHBURY.—This Branch continues to do extremely well, and the President of the Branch, Mrs. Briggs, and her husband, Mr. Sheriff Briggs, kindly invited the members of the League to a concert and a lantern lecture. The Lady Mayoress was present, and once more showed her interest in our work, and her sympathy for the crippled children at Alton. Sir William Treloar spoke on the reasons which led

and delightful evening was spent. During the interval one of the Organising Secretaries of the League spoke on the work at Alton, and pleaded for support for the "Leigh-on-Sea Cot." As a result of this effort £9 was raised, and we would like to express our gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Peggs, to our energetic Secretary, Mrs. Bogle French, and to her many helpers for their welcome assistance.

LLANELLY.—It is with very much pleasure that we report that the £35 required for the maintenance of the "Llanelly Cot" has been raised. For this splendid result we are much indebted to Mrs. Trubsaw, "Aelybryn," Llanelly, who has very kindly undertaken to collect the necessary subscriptions. We are very much indebted to her for her kindness, and greatly appreciate the great help which she and her friends have so generously given to our crippled boys and girls.

PECKHAM.—The Peckham and East Dulwich Branch of the League has succeeded in maintaining its Cot for the first year, and in recognition of the splendid work of the children a Fancy Dress Ball was arranged at the Imperial Hall, East Dulwich, kindly lent by J. E. Park, Esq. The Mayor and Mayoress of Camberwell kindly attended the Ball, and presided at a brief meeting held during the interval. After the Organising Secretary had thanked the members in

the name of Sir William Treloar for their help, and told the children the story of the little boy in the "Peckham and East Dulwich Cot," the Mayoress very kindly presented Badges to the committee, and on behalf of the committee presented Mrs. Drayton, the Secretary, with a very handsome lady's bag. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and they formed an extremely pretty picture as they entered with zest into the games arranged for them. The introduction of the Fairy Queen was delightfully carried out by a number of little folk who danced a minuet in the most graceful way. We have much pleasure in reproducing a photograph taken by Mr. C. Richardson of the children, with the Mayor and Mayoress of Camberwell in the centre of the group.

ROCHESTER.—The first effort of this Branch took the form of a drawing room sale of work organised by Mrs. Fagge and her daughters. A most interesting time was spent at the Sale which proved a great success, nearly £20 being raised as a result of this effort. We are very glad that the Rochester Association has proved so successful, and we much appreciate the assistance which we have received from Mrs. Fagge, her daughters and her many friends.

ST. ALBANS.—This Branch has already started its work well, and under the guidance of the Mayoress, Mrs. Dunham, there is every prospect that the "St. Albans

Cot" will be fully maintained. Under most distinguished patronage an entertainment was held at the County Hall, St. Albans, when a crowded audience listened to some extremely interesting items given by the Graham and Bentley Concert Party. These were followed by some wonderfully fine dancing by Miss Maud Gibson, and the evening's entertainment concluded with a one-act farce "A Kiss in the Dark." We are most grateful to everyone who helped in making the evening so delightful, and securing for us so much additional help.

STAMFORD HILL.—This Branch, under the leadership of Miss May Hyatt is making arrangements for a Sale of Work to be held on December 7th next. In order to form the necessary committee and to secure helpers for the work, a Whist Drive was arranged by Miss Hyatt, and the members of her family, to which they kindly invited a large number of friends. Nearly 70 were present, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. During the evening the Organising Secretary spoke of the work accomplished at Alton, and instanced some cases in which complete and permanent cures had been effected. There was a most gratifying response to the appeal for help, and a number of ladies have already undertaken to organise stalls. The cordial support of our members and friends in the district is asked on behalf of the effort which we have in mind.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Two of our best collectors have sent their remittances during the past month. Master E. D. Goitein, of Maida Vale, has now collected £31 in all and has filled twenty-nine cards in his splendid effort to help our home. Miss Betty Drummond, of Surbiton, has collected £30, and we are very grateful to her for the most welcome help she has repeatedly given to us.

Two little friends, Doris and Marjory Jonas, sent us the sum of £11 5s., the proceeds of a collection made on behalf of the crippled children. We are very grateful indeed for the splendid help which these two little friends have given to our work.

We are always glad when a collector from Scotland shows great interest in our work, and it therefore gives us much pleasure to acknowledge the sum of £8 10s. which Miss Lena Hamilton, of Dumfries, sent to us. She writes as follows:—"My little Sale was held on Saturday afternoon from 3 o'clock to 6 o'clock. It was a delightful day, and we had about a hundred visitors. We charged sixpence for tea, and we had a lot of very pretty little things for sale, none of them above one shilling. My little brother and five of my girl friends assisted me, and their names are Bertie Hamilton, Lilly and Peggy Shannon, Dorothy Moodie, Cochran Jenkins and Nena Hart. I am delighted to say that I have the sum of £8 10s. to send you for the Cripples' Home, and hope it will be a great help."

Once more Miss Gwen Adams, and her friend, Miss Dulce Morrison, have helped us by arranging a Sale of Work which has produced the sum of £6 19s. These two little friends have together sent £22 and we are much indebted to them both for the systematic way in which they have given their support to our work, which has been of inestimable value to so many crippled children.

Miss Irene Starnes, who is one of the best workers in the Balham Branch, has now collected over £20, and we are very glad indeed to be able to acknowledge the splendid help which she has given to us not only by collecting but in many other ways. We are indeed fortunate in winning the sympathy and support of such an earnest helper.

One little member, Miss C. E. O'Brien, has just returned from India, and has sent us the sum of £4 1s. 3d., which was collected on board ship. She had a very pleasant voyage which we are quite sure was made all the happier because of her kind thoughts on behalf of the crippled children at Alton.

Miss Enid Howson has sent us the sum of £1 10s., the proceeds of an operetta, "Peachblossom," and a little sketch, "Iron Ann." The entertainment was given by the boarders of Newnham Lodge, Sheffield, and we are very grateful to these young friends who have worked so hard on behalf of our crippled children.

One of the most interested workers has just held her fifth special effort on behalf of the Hospital and College. We wish we could tell the whole story of self-denial and hard work which Miss Alice Adkin's efforts involve, but we must be content with expressing in this magazine our admiration for her labours and her great success.

Once more our many collectors who live in the Colonies have come to our assistance in a most generous way. Among the many remittances from abroad we are glad to be able to acknowledge the sum of £6 6s. again received from Miss Kathleen McAdam, Oamaru, New Zealand, and her sisters and three friends, Ivy and Audrey Studholme, and Maxwell Douglas. This is the second time this little band of helpers has sent us this sum, and we are indeed grateful to them for the interest they have taken in our crippled children, and for the splendid support they have given to us.

Another helper, Miss Linda Norris sends £3 16s. from Mount Sir Samuel, Western Australia. Her letter is very interesting, for she says that in order to go to school she has to travel 33 miles, and that when she is old enough to go to College she will have to travel nearly 600 miles. I wonder what our members who live at home, and who can attend school close at hand, would think of such a journey in order to complete their education? We are very grateful for the help which this little member has given.

The following letter will, I am sure, be read with interest. It is from the mother of two little girls who, with their comrades, organised an effort to help us. The letter is addressed from Harrismith, Orange River Colony, South Africa, and reads as follows:—

"They gave a 'mock' menagerie show, and charged 1d. entrance. Their pony they called a 'zebra,' a duck was a 'penguin,' one dog a 'lion,' and another a 'leopard,' two canaries had long black feathers tied to their tails, and these were called 'Birds of Paradise.' After this they had another entertainment for which they charged 1d. again, and played clown tricks. I hope the little cripple who happens to occupy the Orange River Colony cot at present will benefit by the small contributions which the children have collected."